

Report of Paul Wendel

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Investigation reveals the fact that Jesse Easton known as Mrs. Easton, but better known as Jane Gibson, has been in Trenton from the year 1910 to April 8, 1914. She then disappeared from this section. She had two places of business, one 463 Chestnut Avenue, and one at 338 South Broad Street, Trenton. The landlord at 463 Chestnut Avenue known as William Marbaker who is now past 70 years resides at 1314 Hamilton Avenue, Trenton, he has a diary that he will permit me to go through in a day or two. He says, that Mrs. Easton had considerable trouble with her neighbors by keeping dogs on the premises; that the neighbors were not friendly.

I find that at 338 South Broad Street, Trenton, Mrs. Easton kept a cheap rooming house, and through Captain Zenker, now retired and living at Trenton Junction, I learn on numerous occasions Officer Gus Kulp, now residing at 221 Seaside Avenue, Atlantic City, was sent to that address on many occasions when ~~this~~ order had broken out in this boarding house. Captain Zenker informs me that Kulp was practically the only one to his knowledge that could reveal something regarding the inside condition of the premises and this woman. Would advise you to look him up; I know him personally. If you desire an interview with him, I will proceed as directed.

The Mrs. Easton had two children, one named William and one named Alice who went to a private school of Miss Ireland at 447 Chestnut Avenue, Trenton. Investigation at the school does not reveal any important facts in the case.

William H. Easton has been listed as an auctioneer at 338 South Broad Street, Trenton. The landlord at 360 Chestnut Avenue says, that William Easton was a boarder who lived with Mrs. Easton and was employed at the Watch Factory as a machinist, made the small tools to work on watches.

I find that Mr. Louis McClurg of 333 Spring Street, who was the agent in charge of the premises at 338 South Broad Street, Trenton, that while Mrs. Easton was a tenant he asked her where she was born, and she replied that she was born on a ship on the ocean under the Spanish flag (on a Spanish ship) on her way to Europe; and she then asked McClurg the question, "What nationality do you think I am?", to which he replied, "Spanish". He also mentioned the fact that Mrs. Easton did not get along with her neighbors. McClurg also said that it was in the newspapers that Mrs. Easton claims to have seen the Louella Marshall murder which occurred December 3, 1912 on the Pennington Road, which mystery has never been solved. Consulting the newspapers of that date during this whole trial, I am unable to find any information in the Trenton Evening Times. Investigation of the State Gazette another newspaper in this city will take place in a day or two.

I am informed that while the daughter Alice was in this city, she was taken to New York by Mrs. Easton's sister. Present whereabouts unknown.

Premises at 338 South Broad Street were rented from April 6, 1912 until April 8, 1914. Full story containing the failure in business will be forthcoming. Have interviewed considerable people but they seem to have closed up because they have been interviewed on two or three other occasions.

The criminal records on the Probation office under date of July 3, 1903 reveal one Anna Gibson convicted of adultery with Slavin a boarder at 117 Second Street. Anna Gibson at that time was 39 years of age and had a child 5 years of age, came from Camden, lived there 15 years but could give no reference regarding Camden. She was committed for failure to pay the fine of \$25.00 and costs.

Interview with Patrolman Edward W. Schnorbus, Second District Police Station.

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Patrolman Edward Schnorbus recalls the fact that Mrs. Easton was at 338 South Broad Street for two years. She ran a jip place, trading horses and most everything, and I always thought that she had